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Legislators Al Krupski and Bridget Fleming Honor Veteran Journalist Karl Grossman

Riverhead, N.Y. - Journalist and investigative reporter Karl Grossman was honored at the June 20, 2017 General Meeting of the Suffolk County Legislature for his 50 plus year career and to celebrate the establishment of the Karl Grossman Research Archive at the East Hampton Library earlier this year.

The <u>archive</u> will include Mr. Grossman's extensive body of writing and reporting dating back to 1962 as well as documents related to his backup research.

According to East Hampton Library executive director Dennis Fabiszak, the library is in the process of scanning the thousands of documents that will make up the archive which he estimates is about one fifth complete. The library hopes to obtain grant funding that will enable completion of the project by the end of the year. "The East Hampton Library is very happy to be able to provide digital access to the extensive history of articles and research collected by Karl Grossman over the past half century," said Mr. Fabiszak. "This digital research archive will be a great resource for both local residents and political leaders."

In addition to a syndicated weekly column which appears in several Long Island publications including *The East Hampton Press*, *The Shelter Island Reporter* and the *South Shore Press*, Mr. Grossman's work has appeared in a broad range of diverse publications including *Newsday*, *The New York Times*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *The Baltimore Sun*, *E The Environmental Magazine*, *The Village Voice*, *Long Island Jewish World* and the *Columbia Journalism Review*. He regularly writes for a number of websites including *CounterPunch* and *The Huffington Post*.

Mr. Grossman is the author of several books, including *Power Crazy* about the now defunct Shoreham nuclear power plant. He is the host of *Enviro Close-Up* which can be viewed nationally on Free Speech TV. Mr. Grossman has been recognized for his significant contributions to journalism and is the recipient of several prestigious awards including the George Polk Award and the James Aronson Award for Social Justice Journalism. He is a professor of journalism at SUNY Old Westbury where he teaches a class in investigative journalism.

"Karl Grossman is a shining example of journalism at its best," said Legislator Bridget Fleming. "His insights have shed light on critical issues in our community and the world for decades. I congratulate East Hampton library for compiling this important collection of Karl's work, and I'm grateful that he continues to inform and enlighten us with his excellent reporting."

Legislator Al Krupski agrees, "Karl has had an extraordinary career and his reporting greatly contributed to the betterment of our society. He often covered issues overlooked by others and he certainly raised awareness about the threats to our natural environment by educating and informing his readers. His reporting is just as relevant today as it has been in the past. The Karl Grossman Research Archive is such an important project because it will give future generations of writers and historians key insights to our time."

Those interested in supporting The Karl Grossman Research Archive can do so by contacting the East Hampton Library.

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Caption for attached photo: At the General Meeting of the Suffolk County Legislature are, from left to right: Suffolk County Legislator Bridget Fleming, Suffolk County Legislator Al Krupski, Karl Grossman and East Hampton Library Director Dennis Fabiszak.